THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The average turnaround time for container ships at major ports handling containerised cargo in India is given below:—

Name of the Port	Average Turn Round Time of Container Ships (in days) during 2005-06
Kolkata	
Kolkata Dock System (KDS)	3.09
Haldia Dock Complex (HDC)	1.91
Visakhapatnam	0.55
Chennai	1.40
Tuticorin	1.02
Cochin	1.32
Jawaharlal Nehru	1.98
Mumbai	2.54
Kandla	2.42

(b) The average turn round time *inter-alia* depends on the infrastructure facilities at the ports. Improvement of the infrastructure of major ports in terms of loading and unloading of goods and other facilties in the country is an ongoing process. Under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP), a total number of 276 projects in the major ports involving development of berths, deepening of channels, equipment upgradation and modernization, rail and road connectivity and other associated projects are planned to be implemented by 2011-12.

National Road Safety Council meeting

2526. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government held a National Road Safety council meeting in Shimla, recently;

(b) what were the conclusions of this meeting;

(c) the names of the participants;

(d) whether any decision was taken to declare a "No-Accident Zone" on some highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, the 9th meeting of National Road Safety Council was held on 22nd September, 2006 at Shimla.

(b) The agenda items included amendment of Rule 21 (2) of the Highways Administration Rules 2004, strengthening of institutional mechanism in States for road safety and earmarking 50% of fines on account of challans on traffic violations for road safety measures in States.

It was decided to amend Rule 21(2) of the Highways Administration Rules, 2004 relating to evidence proving the ownership of vehicle or animal to the satisfaction of highway administration if the same has been taken into custody. It was observed that there is a need to strengthen institutional mechanism in States for promoting road safety and also to earmark funds out of fines collection from challans on traffic violation for road safety measures in States/UTs.

Further, in order to promote road safety, it was decided to constitute two Committees of Experts to suggest "setting up Road Safety Clubs for school children to promote road safety habits" and for "evolving mechanism to provide immediate trauma care services to the road accident victims in the country."

(c) The names of the participants are given in the Statement *(See* below)

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

List of participants in National Road Safety Council meeting held in Shimla

M/o Shipping Road Transport & Highways

1. Shri T.R. Baalu, Hon'ble Minister (Shipping, Road Transport and Highways)—*in Chair*

2. Shri K.H. Muniyappa, Minister of State(Shipping, Road Transport & Highways)
3. Shri Vijay Singh, Secretary (Road Transport & Highways)
4. Shri Velayuthan, Director General (Road Development)
5. Shri S.K. Dash, Joint Secretary (Transport)
6. Shri S.B. Basu, Chief Engineer (Planning)
7. Shri Arvind Kumar, Adviser(Transport Research)
8. Smt. Renuka Jain Gupta, Director (Road Transport)
9. Shri A.K. Nagpal, Regional Officer, Chandigarh
10. Shri A.K. Choudhary, Jt. Director (Transport Research)
11. Shri Virendra Singh, Under Secretary (Road Transport)
12. Shri Som Dutt Sharma, Asstt. Financial Advisor
13. Shri K.R. Gatti, Under Secretary

National Highways Authority of India

1. Shri Nirmal Jit Singh, Member (Tech.)
2. Shri P.C. Chaturvedi, Member (Administration)
3. Shri S.C. Jindal, Chief General Manager
4. Shri Mahesh Kumar, Chief General Manager
5. Shri Akil Ahmad, Project Director
6. Shri D.S. Dehal, Project Director

NITHE

1. Shri V.L. Patankar, Director

CRRI

1. Dr. S. Gangopadhyay, Dy. Director & Head (TT)

Indian Road Congress

1. Shri R.S. Sharma, Secretary

Andaman & Nicobar Islands

1. Shri B.N. Malhotra, Superintending Engineer

Assam

1. Shri Chandan Brahma, Minister (Transport)
2. Shri P.C. Sharma, Addl, Chief Secretary
3. Shri N. Bargoyari, OSD to Minister

Bihar

1. Shri Ajit Kumar, Minister (Transport)

Chandigarh

1. Shri P.S. Shergill, Secretary, STA

Chhattisgarh

1. Shri B.L. Dhruw, Asst. Transport Commissioner

Delhi

1. Shri Haroon Yusuf, Minister (Transport & Power)
2. Shri Abhijit Sarkar, Secy. to Minister (Transport)
3. Shri S.S. Sindhu, Secy. (STA), Jt. Commissioner (Tpt)

Goa

1. Shri N.S. Randhawa, DIG (Police)

Gujarat

1. Shri H.K. Dash, Pr. Secretary (Transport)
2. Shri M.K. Tondon, ADG (Police)
3. Shri V.N. Chauhan, Jt. Secretary

Haryana

1. Shri R. Jakhu, Pr. Secretary (Transport)
2. Shri Rup Kumar, Secretary

Himachal Pradesh

1. Shri Virbhadra Singh, Chief Minister
2. Shri G.S. Bali, Minister (Transport)
3. Shri Avay Shukla Pr. Secretary (Transport)
4. Shri Srikant R. Baldi, Commissioner (Transport)
5. Shri Ashwani Kumar, DG (Police)
6. Shri Ashok Sharma, DIG (Police-Traffic)

Jammu & Kashmir

1. Shri A.R. Khan, IG (Police-Traffic)

Karnataka

1. Shri D. Thangaraj, Pr. Secretary (Transport)
2. Shri Upendra Tripathy, MD, BMTC
3. Shri Pavarjeet Singh Sandhu, Director, BMTC

Kerala

1. Advocate Mathew T. Thomas, Minister (Transport)
2. Shri Ramesh Chandra, Transport Commissioner

Madhya Pradesh

1. Shri M.K. Roy, Pr. Secretary (Transport)
2. Shri N.K. Tripathy, Transport Commissioner

Manipur

1. Shri A.R. Khan, Commissioner & Secretary (Transport)

Mizoram

1. Shri M. Zohmingthangi, Director (Transport)
2. Shri Lal Chungnuga, Asst. Commissioner (Transport)

Nagaland

1. Shri Imtilimba, Minister (Transport)
2. Shri Zanbemo Lotha, DIG (Police)
3. Shri T. Meran Paul, Addl. Transport Commissioner

Orissa

1. Shri J.N. Mishra, Minister (Transport)
2. Shri P.K. Mishra, Spl. Secretary (Transport)

Punjab

1. Shri R.S. Sandhu, Secretary (Transport)
2. Shri S.K. Sharma, IPS, Inspector General of Police (Traffic)

Rajasthan

1. Shri Yoonus Khan, Minister (Transport)
2. Shri Rakesh Srivastava, Transport Commissioner & Secretary
3. Shri Navdeep Singh, IG (Police-Traffic)

Tripura

1. Shri Sudhir Sharma, Spl. Commissioner (Transport)

Uttaranchal

1. Shri T.P. Kundalia, Addl. Commissioner (Transport)
2. Shri Ramesh Rana
3. Shri Naresh Singhal

Uttar Pradesh

1. Shri Ashish Goel, Spl. Secretary (Transport)
2. Shri Brij Lal, DG of Police

SIAM

1. Smt. Bhuvaneswari. J, Asst. Director

ARAI

1. Shri S.M. Haragapurkar, Dy. Director

Others

1. Shri B. Channa Reddy, President, All India Confederation of Goods Vehicle Owners Association
2. Shri T.G.V. Prasad, Gen. Secretary, Krishna Distt. Lorry Owners' Association
3. Shri P. Raghavendra Rao, President, Krishna Distt. Lorry Owners' Association
4. Shri H.C. Malsawma, Adviser, Zoram Drivers Union
5. Shri C. Zaihnuna, General Secy, Zoram Drivers Union
6. Shri A.G.S. Rambabu, Ex-M.P., Member, National Road Safety Council
7. Shri P.S. Murugan, Member, National Road Safety Council
8. Shri Surendra Kumar, Member, Rashtriya Yuva Sangathan
9. Shri Balbir Singh, Rashtriya Yuva Sangathan
10. Shri S.C. Paul, CGM (Retd.), HRTC
11. Dr. Maya Tandon, Chairperson, Dr. M.N. Tandon Memorial Trust, Jaipur
12. Shri Sukumar, All India Motor Transport Congress
13. Shri G.R. Shanmugappa, Vice President, All India Motor Transport Congress
14. Shri Suryanarayan, All India Motor Transport Congress
15. Dr. Kamal Soi, Traffic Adviser, Traffic MGI Services
16. Shri Bharat Kalaskar, Dy. RTO Raigad, Winner of 4th National Road safety award (Individual category)
17. Shri Dr. Subrato Das & Mrs. Sushnita Das, Lifeline Foundation, Gujarat Runners-up of 4th National Road safety award (NGO category)

18. Shri K.T. Golani, Non-official Member, National Road Safety Council

19. Shri Narayanappa, Member Secretary, FOGLOAA

Deep sea fishing

2527. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.G.-Shipping is an active participant on the Empowered Committee on Deep Sea Fisheries;

(b) if so, the role of the DG-Shipping in the arena;

(c) the steps that have been taken by DG-Shipping to help find practical solutions to crew availability and safety and locate experienced crew for ocean-going fishing vessels;

(d) complete details of steps and advice given by DG-Shipping on maritime and crew manning duties;

(e) whether DG-Shipping approves inexperienced crew to operate boats; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALLU): (a) and (b) An Empowered Committee on Deep Sea Fisheries has been constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture on 17.11.2004 with the aim of regulating policy matters regarding imported fishing vessels and achieving the UN objective to control Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing which has an environmental impact. Director General of Shipping or his representative is a member in the said Committee along with the representative of Joint Secretary (Navy), Ministry of Defence, Director General, Coast Guard or his representative among others. The role of the Director General of Shipping (DGS) is to assist the Ministry of Agriculture in formulating the policies in this regard.

(c) and (d) Most of the deep sea fishing vessels are tuna long liners imported by their Indian owners on deferred payment basis. The owners,